



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Besterman et al.

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2004. Please re-consider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.